



# BLACK IS...

## 2010

Books about the African-American Experience  
Booklists for Adults

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## NON-FICTION

### Barack Obama

***The Audacity to Win:  
The Inside Story and Lessons of  
Barack Obama's Historic Victory***

by David Plouffe

President Obama's campaign manager reveals his successful election tactics.

JK526.2008.P55 2009

***Barack and Michelle:  
Portrait of an American Marriage***

by Christopher P. Andersen

A portrait of the first couple.

E908.3.A53 2009

***The Inauguration of Barack Obama:  
A Photographic Journal***

Produced by the Washington Post

Gorgeous images and text of the ceremonies of the 2009 inauguration.

E908.I532009x

### Biography

***Big Man:  
Real Life & Tall Tales***

by Clarence Clemons and Don Reo

The autobiography of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band saxophone player.

ML420.C547A3 2009

***The Black Girl Next Door:  
A Memoir***

by Jennifer Lynn Baszile

The memoir of a girl growing up in an exclusive white California community.

I869.P25B37 2009

***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind:  
Creating Currents of Electricity  
and Hope***

by William Kamkwamba  
with Bryan Mealer

The story of a Malawian boy who builds a windmill to electrify his village.

TJ825.K36 2009



***Brain Surgeon:***

***A Doctor's Inspiring Encounters with Mortality and Miracles***

by Keith Black with Arnold Mann

The story of an neurosurgeon and his studies of the human brain.

RC339.52.B53A3 2009

***The Education of***

***a British-Protected Child: Essays***

by Chinua Achebe

Autobiographical essays by one of Nigeria's greatest writers.

PR9387.9.A3Z46 2009

***A Mighty Long Way:***

***My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School***

by Carlotta Walls LaNier

with Lisa Frazier Page

The story of Carlotta Walls and the other teens who integrated the Arkansas high school.

LC214.23.L56 L36 2009

***Pops:***

***A Life of Louis Armstrong***

by Terry Teachout

The biography of one of America's most innovative and beloved jazz musicians.

ML419.A75T43 2009

***Red and Me:***

***My Coach, My Lifelong Friend***

by Bill Russell with Alan Steinberg

The professional and personal relationship between the great Boston Celtics player and coach.

GV884.A8R87 2009

***Shooting Stars***

by LeBron James and Buzz Bissinger

The early life of the current star of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers.

GV994.J36J36 2009

***Something Like Beautiful:***

***One Single Mother's Story***

by Asha Bandele

The story of a woman who fell in love with a prisoner and is now raising their daughter.

HQ759.915.B36 2009

***Triangular Road:***

***A Memoir***

by Paule Marshall

Author Paule Marshall grew up in Brooklyn, NY with other immigrants from Barbados.

PS3563.A7223Z46 2009

***Where Did You Sleep Last Night?:***

***A Personal History***

by Danzy Senna

The story of a mixed race American girl and the very different backgrounds of her parents.

PS3569.E618Z46 2009

## EXPRESSIONS

### ***Bicycles:***

#### ***Love Poems***

by Nikki Giovanni

Nikki Giovanni wrote 65 poems to celebrate her 65 years as a poet.  
PS3557.I55B43 2009x

### ***Down Home with the Neelys:***

#### ***A Southern Family Cookbook***

by Patrick and Gina Neely  
with Paula Disbrowe

Southern and barbecue recipes  
by two stars of the Food Network.  
TX715.2.S68N434 2009

### ***I Am the New Black***

by Tracy Morgan and Anthony Bozza  
The rise and subsequent struggles  
of the New York comedian and actor.  
PN2287.M6996A3 2009

### ***Michael (Jackson)***

by the Editors of Rolling Stone;  
Edited by Jason Fine

A collection of 30 years of articles  
and photographs from Rolling Stone  
on "The King of Pop."  
ML420.J175M38 2009

### ***Permission Slips:***

#### ***Every Woman's Guide to Giving Herself a Break***

by Sherri Shepherd

How the mother, daughter, actress,  
comedian and television host copes  
with her many roles.  
PN1992.4.S487A3 2009

### ***Posing Beauty:***

#### ***African-American Images from the 1890s to the Present***

by Deborah Willis

A collection of historic and  
contemporary photographs  
of African-Americans.  
TR680.W53 2009

## HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

### ***The Breakthrough:***

#### ***Politics and Race in the Age of Obama***

by Gwen Ifill

The story of new African-American  
politicians, including Massachusetts  
Governor Deval Patrick.  
E185.615.I34 2009

### ***The Fence:***

#### ***A Police Cover-up along Boston's Racial Divide***

by Dick Lehr

Two Boston cops become embroiled  
in violence and an extensive cover-up.  
HV8148.B72 L44 2009

### ***In Search of Our Roots:***

#### ***How 19 Extraordinary African Americans Reclaimed their Past***

by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Nineteen African Americans get their  
DNA tested with astonishing results.  
E185.96.G384 2009



## FICTION

### ***Life is Short but Wide***

by J. California Cooper  
Historian and gossip  
Hattie B. Brown tells the story  
of her small Oklahoma town.

### ***Nappily in Bloom***

by Trisha R. Thomas  
This is a fast-paced novel involving  
domestic violence, custody issues,  
and kidnapping.

### ***Sag Harbor:***

#### ***A Novel***

by Colson Whitehead  
A teen spends a memorable  
summer in an African-American  
Hamptons community.

### ***The Thirteenth:***

#### ***A Vampire Huntress Legend***

by L.A. Banks  
The Neteru Guardians battle  
the Armageddon in this final book  
in the series.

## Christian

### ***God Only Knows***

by Xavier Knight  
Julie Turner, a single mother,  
deals with events from her past.

### ***Lady Jasmine***

by Victoria Christopher Murray  
With the help of her faith,  
Jasmine protects her family  
during a crisis.

### ***The Memory Quilt:***

#### ***A Christmas Story for Our Time***

by T.D. Jakes  
A grandmother creates a quilt  
based on the ten lessons of  
the birth of Jesus Christ.

## International

### ***The Consequences of Love:***

#### ***A Novel***

by Sulaiman S.M.Y. Addonia  
In Jeddah, Saudi Arabia,  
an Eritrean immigrant falls  
in love with a Saudi woman.

### ***Lime Tree Can't Bear Orange:***

#### ***A Novel***

by Amanda Smyth  
Tobagan orphan Celia D'Abadie  
flees to Trinidad to escape  
her uncle's advances.

### ***Some Dream for Fools***

by Faïza Guène  
A young Algerian woman struggles  
to survive in Paris.

### ***The Thing around Your Neck***

by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
A collection of short stories  
about Nigerians in Africa and  
in the United States.

## Mystery/Suspense

### ***Black Noir: Mystery, Crime, and Suspense Stories by African-American Writers***

Edited by Otto Penzler  
A collection of classic and  
modern crime stories by  
African-American authors.

### ***Black Water Rising***

by Attica Locke  
Houston attorney Jay Porter gets  
involved in a messy murder.

### ***Jericho's Fall***

by Stephen L. Carter  
Many people are after the secrets  
of Jericho Ainsley, the dying former  
head of the CIA.

### ***The Long Fall (new series)***

by Walter Mosley  
Private Detective Leonid McGill  
attempts to reform after a life of  
shady deals.

### ***The Morning Show Murders: A Novel***

by Al Roker and Dick Lochte  
Chef Billy Blessing tries to find out  
who killed the producer who ate at  
his restaurant.

### ***Murder in the Latin Quarter***

by Cara Black  
Parisian private detective  
Aimee Leduc investigates the  
murder of a Haitian woman.

### ***Revenge***

by Hugh Holton  
Chicago cop Larry Cole works a case  
involving his son, a corrupt lawyer, and  
a woman.

### ***Tea Time for the Traditionally Built***

by Alexander McCall Smith  
Botswanan Precious Ramotswe,  
the #1 Ladies' Detective, investigates  
soccer sabotage.

### ***Wife of the Gods: A Novel***

by Kwei J. Quartey  
Ghanaian Detective Inspector  
Darko Dawson investigates  
a small-town murder.

## Urban

### ***Alibi***

by Teri Woods

A Philadelphia drug dealer kills two rivals and steals their supply.

### ***A Deep, Dark Secret***

by Kimberla Lawson Roby

A girl who was sexually abused by her stepfather is afraid to tell.

### ***The Devil Is a Lie***

by ReShonda Tate Billingsley

Nina Lawson wins \$16 million and is suddenly besieged with relatives and exes.

### ***God Ain't Blind***

by Mary Monroe

Newly slim and stylish Annette takes up with Louis, a man with a dubious past.

### ***Let's Get It On***

by Jill Nelson

Female entrepreneurs open a women-only spa providing cosmetic and sexual services.

### ***Mama Dearest:***

#### ***A Novel***

by E. Lynn Harris

Ambitious Yancey Harrington Braxton and Ava, her ex-con mother, return.

### ***Playing Dirty***

by Kiki Swinson

Miami attorney Yoshi Lomax gets involved in the city's criminal underground.

### ***Sisters & Husbands***

by Connie Briscoe

Beverly sees her sisters' relationships crumbling and wonders if she should marry her fiancé.

### ***Thug Lovin'***

by Wahida Clark

Do Tasha and Trae leave the 'hood behind when they move to LA?

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